

San Diego DX Club Bulletin

March 2015



Some of the best Ham Radio trivia: Prince Vinh San, FR8VX, the first ham on Reunion Island and the last Emperor of Vietnam

MARCH PROGRAM

Marty Woll, N6VI, ARRL Vice-Director for the Southwestern Division will present a DXpedition to The Gambia and current ARRL topics including remote station rules and changes to DXCC.

MEETING NOTICE:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015

**JOIN US AT THE SIZZLER, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road,
San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 278-6988**

SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M. DINNER, 5:30 P.M.

MEETING, 6:30 P.M

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A Word from the Prez . . .

Wild Bill, WB6BFG



Greetings members!

I hope this finds everyone in good spirits and that you managed to stay cool during the *Hot Days* we've had lately!

We had an incredible CME (Level 4) recently that was among record levels. The planetary A index shot up to a whopping 117! (9/11/2005 Ap=105 | 8/24/2005 Ap=110 | 5/15/2005 Ap=105 | 11/8/2004 to 11/10/2004 Ap = 189, 120, 181.) The bands were gone for a while, yet there has been a lot of odd propagation including aural paths on the high bands. Paul Dorey, WN6K, posted a very interesting YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfhHMPuHK_Y. Another interesting news link from Fox News here: <http://www.myfoxny.com/story/28540300/powerful-space-storm-hits-earth> You also can see the latest solar images at this link <http://stereo.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

Special thanks to Earl Towson, N1QI, for his Very Fine Business program on The SUN! Timing couldn't have been better given the latest CME we just experienced!

The March meeting will be at The Sizzler. This month's presentation will be by Marty Woll, N6VI, the ARRL Vice-Director for the Southwestern Division. He will be giving a two-part presentation -- about a DXpedition to The Gambia and a few current ARRL topics such as remote station rule changes for DXCC. Please join us for an evening of fun, food and camaraderie!

Big news on the DX front is being reported that the #1 Most Wanted DXCC – **P5** – North Korea will be activated for 5 days. The outlook is that activity will be in January or February of 2016 <http://forums.grz.com/showthread.php?471772-Press-Release-Activation-of-North-Korea>

If you played in the 2014 CQP contest and submitted a log: There is a now a link on their website where you can print your certificate. <http://www.cqp.org/cqp2014-pdf.html> The SCCC has posted a compilation of recent contest results and here: <http://www.socalcontestclub.org/> Scroll down toward the bottom of the page to find them.

The 66th International DX Convention - April 17-19, 2015 - Registration for the Contest Dinner is now open and here is the link to pay in advance: Registration and details: <http://dxconvention.com/pages/dinners-iota.html> And, for the first time ever, the Radio Society of Great Britain, RSGB, IOTA Program is providing IOTA card checking at the DX Convention. Please read the details at: <http://www.dxconvention.com/pages/qsls.html> . Another helpful IOTA link that supports IOTA expeditions is: <http://www.islandradio.org/>

Secretary/Treasurer Reports

Ellen, N6UWW



San Diego DX Club – February 2015

Secretary's Report

The February 25 meeting was called to order by Wild Bill , WB6BFG. Don, KK6IGC welcomed into the group as a dues paying member. Bob - K1ROA – guest.

Old Business – “Wall of Shame” suffixes read to remind people to pay their dues.

New Business – John, NA6L encouraged people to use ClubLog. It's free and tracks all your activity. Remember to put in San Diego DX Club so the accomplishments of the Club as a whole can be compared to others. Wayne, NN6R mentioned the possibility of additional shirt orders. Order forms are available online in the downloadable SDDXC Members Information Booklet found at <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/sddxcnews/files> A brief discussion was held about accessing the Club Yahoo website and how to register (with the e-mail address from which you send, not a reflector type e-mail address). W6JBR was congratulated on achieving his DXCC.

A Roundtable discussion followed. After an intermission break, Earl, N1QI gave a fabulously informative presentation “The SUN – A User's Guide for Ham Radio”.

Ellen, N6UWW

Treasurer's Report

Deposit: 2/13 \$870 (dues payments)

Statement Balance: 2/28/2015 \$7,390.89

Dues were due December 31. Dues are \$20.00 annually (\$30.00 for family memberships) and became delinquent January 31. Reminder e-mails were sent January 16.

Thanks to those of you who have already paid (AM, AQ, AR, BFG, BH, BIA, BK, BN, N6CW, N7CW, DEX, EAZ, EG, ERD, EZJ, FKB, FWS, W6GAK, GO, HDG, HLW, IGC, IHV, IM, JAC, JBR, JHD, JL, JO, JOJ, JRF, NN6K, WN6K, KH, KI, KIM, L, LA, MB, MHZ, MUF, MY, NA, NBU, NC, NI, NNI, NO, O, OA, PEG, R, RGS, RHY, RR, SMK, UWW, VCM, VM, VNR, VS, WST, XB, XG, N6XT, YA, YI, YOO, YXI, Z, ZH, ZJ, ZO)

If your suffix is not listed here, please send your dues (or contact the Treasurer to rectify any errors – I'm human and every now and then I'm really good at making mistakes!)

Dues checks can be sent (payable to San Diego DX Club Inc) to:

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THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 80 METERS

3/15	3/14	CALLZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG	
1.	2.	W6YA	40	?	?	303	+2
2.	1.	K6XT	40	295	297	301	-
3.	3.	K6NA	40	?	?	292	-
4.	4.	W6YI	40	277	281	287	+2
5.	5.	K6AM	40	241	244	251	+2
6.	6.	N7CW	40	227	227	247	-
7.	7.	N6CW	40	?	211	235	-
8.	8.	K0XB	37	179	181	188	-
9.	9	K6ZH	32	159	162	163	-
10.	10	AD6ZJ	33	141	142	161	-

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 20 METERS

3/15	3/14	CALLZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG	
1.	1.	W6YA	40	339	379	379	-1
2.	2.	N6CW	40	?	360	368	+4
3.	3.	W6YI	40	339	356	356	+1`
4.	4.	K6AM	40	339	348	348	-
5.	5.	K9RHY	40	336	347	347	-
6.	6.	W6YOO	40	337	345	345	-
7.	7.	K6XT	40	331	344	345	-
8.	10.	K6ZH	40	330	339	344	+4
9.	8.	K0XB	40	334	343	343	-
10.	9	K5OA	40	321	339	341	-

Jim, W6YA regains his slight edge at number one on 80 with just two new ones, while the rest of the top ten holds steady. The news on 20 is Jungle Jim, K6ZH moving up two slots in the tightly packed bottom half of the list. But rest of the leader board remains cast in stone

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 15 meters, and the WARC bands. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting. ROOKIE OF THE YEAR 2014

Congrats this month go out to our 2014 Rookie of the Year, Bud Hennessy, AE6BH. Bud worked a respectable 29 new entities in 2014. I'll be back from ZF and PJ2 in March to present his certificate. Honorable mention goes to ED, AI6O with 20 new ones and John, NA6L with 17.

A Word from the Prez (Cont'd). . .

9V1YC DXPEDITION VIDEOS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE! James, 9V1YC, has now posted his great videos online at VIMEO to view for We've all seen wide ranges of Bio's on QRZ. Here's one that takes the cake this month! <http://www.qrz.com/db/WA7AA>

FREE!!! There are 12 videos available at: <https://vimeo.com/user36455730/videos> Thanks to everyone that has sent in their dues. If you haven't sent in your dues, please do so, Ellen, N6UWW, has posted The Wall of Shame report in this edition of YOUR Club's "SCDXC Bulletin" Please remember that the club's newsletter is only as good as the information the editor receives, so please take the time to submit any DX related stories, tall tales, and musings of a madman or crazy lady for his consideration. Let's help Bob, K9RHY, start off with a bang. K9RHY@ARRL.NET

73 and 88's to the pretty ones!

Wild Bill, WB6BFG

From the Editor

Bob, K9RHY



This month's cover story was inspired by Jim Price, K6ZH/ZF2AH who introduced me to one of the best-kept historical tidbits of DX history. Jim, like myself, is interested in keeping the history of DX alive for the next generation of DXers. What follows is a (slightly edited—for length) copy of the note Jim shared with me that got my re-

"There are many historical topics that I find interesting, but one that I still find interesting is the story of Prince Vinh San, FR8VX, the first ham on Reunion Island and the last of the Vietnam royalty. I don't think there have been any articles that featured him.

He was exiled to Reunion by the French because he was an advocate of independence. There is a lot of general information available on the internet about him. You may know about his history, but if not, much is covered in the history of Paul Caboche, 3B8AD (ex-VQ8AD, VQ8AS) (SK). Several articles about Paul have appeared over the years in various magazines.

I visited Paul in 1989. He told me about his experience as a school kid in Reunion and his acquaintance and eventual friendship with Prince Vinh San. He described FR8VX as a multi talented man with vast interests, including music, horseback riding, and electronics.... which eventually led to his time in ham radio.

Paul was the first ham in Chagos (1936) and worked his old friend FR8VX during that time at his father's plantation house in the Salomon group of northern Chagos. There were many articles written about Paul, and also about Leny, VQ8AB, who was the first ham in Mauritius. I corresponded with both Paul and Leny after my visit with Paul, and some of their letters are posted on the K8CX site. Leny is also SK.

My old friend Ned, NG6W (ex-W8KPB) worked FR8VX in 1936. Ned is keen on that period of history, and is still a very sharp guy living in NH. He's 96. He would probably be able to fill in a lot of the blanks.

Anyhow, whatever you do will be very interesting. I wish we could get more of the ham population interested in DX history. I'm hoping to find a younger ham who shares our passion that I can pass my collection to when the time comes, but so far have found no one who is even remotely interested.

73, Jim"

2014 ARRL DX SSB CONTEST SDDXC RESULTS

CLASS	CALL	SCORE	QSO'S	MULTS	FINISH
MS HP	PJ2T (K6AM, W0CG, G4XUM)	9,357,327	8,783	357	#2 World
SO-A HP	W6YI	532,467	1,461	123	#5 SW Div
SO-A HP	N6XT	64,269	199	111	
SO HP	K6NA	224,595	485	155	#6 SW Div
SO-A LP	WN6K	134,640	569	80	#3 SW Div
SO LP	WA2OOB	30,954	155	67	



Nostalgia Corner



W6BPI and K6NA at Visalia



W6BPI

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BACK IN THE CORPS:							
The next 7 years of active duty includes transfers to many posts and stations, many of which no ham activities took place. Therefore, only those periods of radio operations will be covered herein. (Presented in chrono order)							
April 1948-Transferred to Ft. Bliss, TX. Operated low power from my residence apartment in El Paso. Used W6PBI/5, but later received license for W5PBI (Lost copy of license) Minimum operation- most time with family & school.							
March 1949- Transferred to San Diego MCRD/Convair and lived in Naval housing. Very active chasing DX. Charter member in San Diego DX club. Also joined So. Calif. DX club.							
July 1951-Transferred to Naval Ordnance Test Station with The 1st Provisional Guided Missile Bn. Quite active, but TVI a major problem due to weak TV. Also lived close to a loud and good DXer-W6MUR/Bill Johnson.							
March 1953-To Camp Pendleton to 3rd Mar. Div. to Japan.							
March 1954-Transferred to 100 Harrison SF -- Discharged 1 Apr.							

W6BPI SDDXC Craeter Member 1949



W6BPI May 2013



SANDARC Update

The San Diego Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (SANDARC) is a countywide organization comprised of Amateur Radio Clubs from all parts of San Diego County. SANDARC provides Amateur Radio license examinations at different locations throughout the County and sponsors special classes for those who wish to obtain a license with testing immediately following the class. The organization also assists local clubs with annual events and activities that all member and non-member clubs can attend. More information can be found at www.sandarc.org.

The SANDARC Executive Board elections will be held on April 30th, 2015. Nominations are being accepted to fill the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer positions for two year terms.

If you wish to run for any of these board positions, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members below before the nomination deadline of March 26th, 2015. Thank you.

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Spratly DXpedition Update

Our DXØP Spratly DXpedition is as follows:
Please disseminate.

Thanks and 73
Leo (WA6LOS)

PRESS RELEASE MARCH 18, 2015

DXØP SCHEDULE NOW OFFICIAL!!!
APRIL 14 ARRIVE AND ANTENNA SETUP
DX OPERATION APRIL 15-20
TAKE-DOWN APRIL 20 LATE AFTERNOON
DXØP 2015 * PAGASA ISLAND DXPEDITION, THE SPRATLYS
DXCC Country: Philippines * WAC Continent: Oceania
WAZ Zone #26 * ITU Zone #50 * IOTA [#AS-051C](#)

BAND OF OPERATIONS: 160/80/40/30/15/10M
MODES: SSB/CW/RTTY/JT-65/SATELLITE (TBD)
QRP OPS in all Band (CW only)

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DU LOGISTIC COORDINATOR
Leo Almaza WA6LOS/DU3

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